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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Marko ZIMMER et al.

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Filed: July 14, 2003

For: CONFIGURATION OF AT LEAST TWO EXHAUST
GAS TURBOCHARGERS

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Communication of January 13, 2004, Applicant requests
the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

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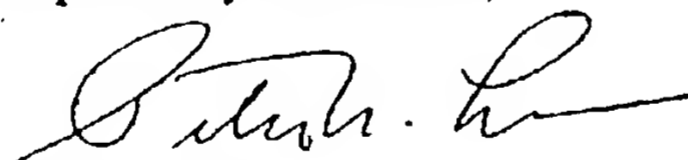
being obvious over Mendle et al. in view of Morita et al. (JP 59160027), and has rejected claim 6 as being obvious over Mendle et al. in view of Lohmann et al. (US 6,202,415). However, the Office Action has also indicated that claims 7-9 and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112 and to include all of the features of the base and any intervening claims.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the claims. Pursuant thereto, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 7 and have amended claims 8 and 9 to be in independent form and to include the features of claims 1 and 6. All remaining claims depend from these three independent claims. The noted indefiniteness noted in the Office Action has also been addressed in the amendments. Thus, Applicants submit that all claims are now allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing, Applicant submits that the objections and rejections should be withdrawn and believes the application is in condition for allowance. An early action indication of such is earnestly solicited. However, if there are any issues that remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite a resolution to such issues. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,



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